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*Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessel.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, June 29:

Week ended June 26. One supplemental bill of health issued to the Japanese steamship *Tenyo Maru*, Hongkong to San Francisco via Shanghai and Japanese ports. The total personnel of this vessel was 306.

*Precautions at Shanghai to prevent ingress of rats into hulls of vessels.*

Doctor Ransom reports, June 17, in response to bureau inquiry of May 18:

Vessels bound for American ports are not allowed to go alongside the wharves when loading, with the single exception of the French line around the world from Havre to San Francisco, and the exception is made in this case only because of the fact that these vessels carry very heavy structural iron cargo for Shanghai and the interior and it would be difficult if not impossible to lighter it. These vessels place rat guards on all their lines as is required of all vessels taking bills of health from Shanghai for the United States, and adopt the other precautions previously reported. (See Public Health Reports, Feb. 5, 1909, p. 145.)

A close supervision, while in this port, is kept over vessels bound for the United States. It not infrequently happens that no rat guards are found on the lines to lighters alongside the vessels, and in such cases the attention of the agents is drawn to the fact and a note of the omission is made on the bills of health. The lighters are fully as dangerous as the wharves, as during the time they are not in use or are undergoing the process of loading they often lie at docks where infected rats have been found, and the lighters themselves are not infrequently infested with rats. Their periodic fumigation has been suggested.

Cargo in which rats might make nests is inspected.

Loading in Shanghai is done as far as possible by daylight.

COLOMBIA.

*Report from Barranquilla—Quarantine ordered at Puerto Colombia against arrivals from plague-infected ports.*

Vice-Consul Burnell reports, June 22:

By order of the departmental board of health, quarantine restrictions will be enforced against vessels arriving at Puerto Colombia from plague-infected ports.

Puerto Colombia is the seaport for Barranquilla and is commonly known as Savanilla.

COSTA RICA.

*Report from Limon, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports:

Week ended July 19. Estimated population, 8,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

## Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
July 11	Limon.....	Boston.....	46	4	0
12	Siberia.....	New York.....	54	16	0
14	Abangarez.....	New Orleans.....	87	0	41
15	Karen.....	Mobile.....	24	0	0
15	Helen.....	New York via Jamaica.....	22	0	0
16	Preston.....	New Orleans.....	31	0	0
17	Oracabessa.....	do.....	46	0	0

## CUBA.

*Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Suarez reports, July 19:

*Week ended July 17.*

Vessels inspected.....	3
Bills of health issued.....	3
Members of crews inspected.....	91
Immune certificates issued.....	4

No quarantinable disease was reported during the week.

*Report from Habana—Inspection of vessels—Work of sanitary brigade—Stegomyia calopus present—Sanitary inspection of the provinces.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Amesse reports, July 26:

*Week ended July 24.*

Bills of health issued.....	19
Vessels inspected.....	16
Crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	728
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	504

For the ten-day period ended July 20 there were inspected in this city 21,482 houses, in which 82 collections of mosquito larvæ were discovered, 34 of these being deposits of *Stegomyia calopus*.

In addition, the sanitary brigade reported the following transactions: Fifteen thousand eight hundred and eighty-six ditches, drains, ponds, swamps, wells, and other deposits of water were petrolled; 19,477 cans, bottles, and other receptacles favorable for mosquito breeding were destroyed; 750 square meters of land were cleared of vegetation; and 6,037 linear meters of ditching were cleaned. The districts bordering on the bay are receiving particular attention.

Special inspectors of the sanitary department have completed a tour of the Provinces. Through the courtesy of the director we have been furnished with copies of their reports showing the following towns and cities to be in good condition:

Santa Clara.	Cabanas.	Palmira.
San Cristobal.	Cruces.	Guines.
Batabano.	Guanajay.	Rodas.
Esperanza.	Bejucal.	San Antonio de los Banos.
Artemisa.	Pedro Betancourt.	Trinidad.
Firmeza.	Lajas.	Alquizar.
Ranchuelo.	Santa Cruz del Sur.	